



Tigers have new football coach

Kevin Verdugo was named the new football coach at Fort Hays State University on Dec. 11, exactly one month after former Tigers coach Tim O'Connor resigned.

Verdugo heads to Fort Hays after spending a season as the running backs coach at the University of Akron. Prior to joining the Zips' staff, he was the coach at Fort Scott Community College for three seasons and was Kansas Jayhawk Community College Conference Coach of the Year for 2001.

Verdugo, a native of Pittsburg, played quarterback in college, first for the University of Kansas during the 1987 season then at Colorado

State University, where he received his Bachelor of Arts in social sciences in 1991.



Verdugo

Verdugo started his coaching career in 1994 as the quarterback coach at Southeast Missouri State University, picking up wide receiver duties in 1996. He spent the 1997 and 1998 seasons as the offensive coordinator and running backs coach at Northern Michigan University. In 1999, Verdugo moved to Lakeland, Fla., where he was the offensive coordinator at George Jenkins High School.

Verdugo returned to the college ranks in 2000 as the quarterbacks coach at Southern Illinois Univer-

sity in Carbondale, moving on to Fort Scott the next season.

O'Connor resigned after four seasons as coach of the Tigers, earning a 20-24 record and going 6-5 in both the past two seasons. He has been with the Fort Hays football program since 1992, starting as a graduate assistant and later as line-backers coach then defensive coordinator before taking over the program in 2001.

Also joining the Fort Hays football staff next season from Akron is Chris Hauser, who spent three seasons with the Zips, the first two as a graduate assistant and last season as an administrative assistant. Hauser will help coach the Tigers' defense, but Verdugo said the exact position won't be determined until the rest of the staff is hired.

Appointments on agenda

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pected to ask Moyer and Elliott if they would like to serve another term, but they need to come up with two more names.

Other members of the Samaritan Center board are Max Alderman, Pat Juhl, Ron Barkley, Linda Chaffin and Melanie Daise.

There are 10 members on the Sherman County Convention and Visitors Bureau board, which is re-appointed annually.

Current members of the board are Dale Neill, who used to own the KOA Campground; Arlo Hansen of the Goodland Sinclair; Don Newell of S&T Communications, who has indicated he wishes to resign; Marilyn Collett of Butterfly Aviation; Ryan Hageman of Wendy's; Scott

Angelos of McDonald's; Evelyn DuVall of the Buffalo Inn; Bill Stoick of Super 8; Judy Siruta of Comfort Inn; and Brenda McCants of the Goodland Regional Medical Center.

Because this is the final meeting of the year, commissioners will approve the final bills and review the mail.

There are no scheduled appointments.

The first meeting of the new year may be held at 8 a.m. on Tuesday, Jan. 11, but it could be held on Monday, Jan. 10, when County Clerk Janet Rumpel swears in all the new county officers. Rumpel said she has not set a time at this point, but will talk to the commissioners about it on Thursday to see what they want to do.

Marketing plan on hold

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get to meet the other members. The city and county commissioners, along with members of the Goodland Area Chamber of Commerce board, would be invited.

Price said it usually takes between three and four months before a new board member begins to understand the bureau's business and feel comfortable in taking part.

Board member Brenda McCants handed out flyers for the 2005 Health Fair and the next Slice of Life fund raiser. The health fair will be from 8 to 11 a.m. Saturday, Feb. 5, at the Goodland Activities

Center. Blood profiles will be done from 7 to 10 a.m. Monday through Friday, Jan. 17-21 at the Goodland Regional Medical Center.

In other bureau news, last month Price was invited by Gov. Kathleen Sebelius to join the Kansas Cavalry. The Cavalry is a volunteer group of business ambassadors who promote economic development in Kansas through participation in state, national and international business events.

The group is administered by the Department of Commerce, with Sebelius as commander-in-chief. Members accompanied her on a trip to Japan in September.

Choirs, bands display talents

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ber," featuring solos by Jillian Parker, Michael Smith and Daniel Blake.

The Mass Choir, a combination of all four choirs, sang "Summertime." The piece featured a solo by Amanda Jolly, a Goodland graduate who is a student at Kansas State University.

The last song from the choirs was "African Noel."

Next, the Jazz Band rearranged the stage for a medley of songs.

Starting with "High Impact," the band featured solos from Craig Mason on the trumpet and Daniel Blake on the guitar.

Next was "Autumn Leaves," with a piano solo performed by Jillian Parker, followed by "The Christmas Song" with a solo by Andrew Pettibone on trumpet.

The night ended with "Rudolph, the Red-Nosed Reindeer" by the band. The piece featured two more solos one by Mason and one by Parker.

Brewster All-Star Booster Club

SCHOOL CALENDAR FOR DEC. 28 - JAN. 2

Wednesday to Friday - No School Christmas Vacation.

Monday - 2nd Semester Begins.

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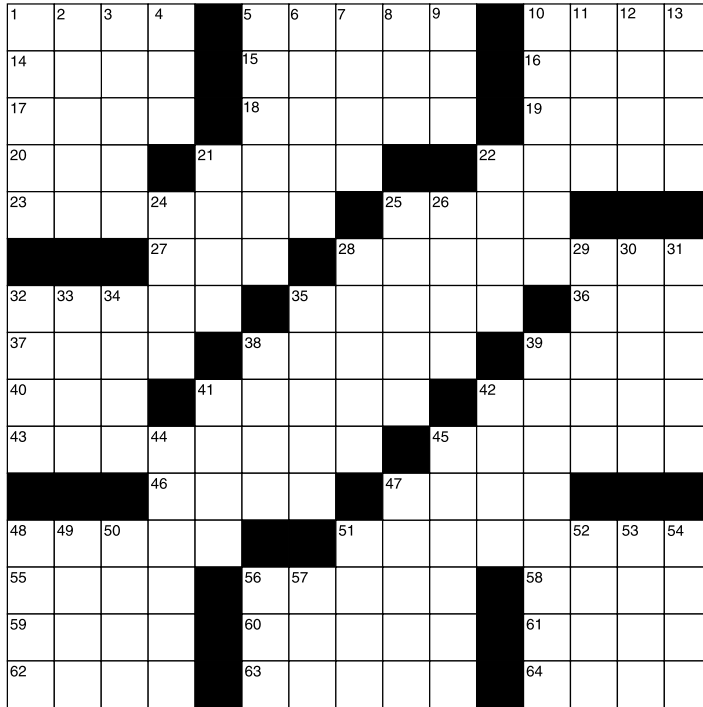
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CLUES ACROSS

- Person from U.K., abbr.
- Electronic communication
- Irish mother of gods
- Gulls
- Type of fish
- Organic compound
- Two-toed sloth
- Got up
- Bulbous plant having a characteristic onion odor
- A way to soak
- Thailand
- Willow genus
- The most direct route
- Appear
- Characterized by unity
- Bowling
- Gulf of, in the Aegean
- Dresses (Indians)
- Denial
- Expression of sorrow or pity
- Having the head uncovered
- Town in Galilee
- Browning
- Bundles
- Edouard ___, Fr. painter
- Expunctions
- Stroke
- Tops
- Edible lily bulb
- Cyprinid fishes
- Hygienic
- Capital of Norway
- Crucifixes
- Type of sword
- Make from scratch
- Claudio ___, Chilean pianist
- A condition requiring relief
- Bleats
- Breasts
- Root of taro plant

CLUES DOWN

- Type of message
- Rajah's wife

3. Extremely angry; highly incensed

- God of sky (Scandinavian)
- ___ May, actress
- Units of metrical time
- Substance
- Belonging to a thing
- ___ Marvin, actor
- Flee
- A blue dye
- Yugoslavian city
- Genus of very spiny dense evergreen shrubs
- Transgressions
- Observes
- Closets
- Fathers
- ___ Blyton, children's author
- Nostrils
- Devoid of ideas or intelligence
- The fifth hour, about 3 p.m.
- Quantitative facts
- Replete
- A growth-regulating chemical sprayed on fruit trees
- Frog genus
- Trade
- Poet
- Yellow or orange-red fat-soluble pigments in plants
- Baby flowers
- Necromancers
- Usually with wooden soles
- Enumeration
- Anwar ___, Egyptian statesman
- Groom
- First Chinese dynasty
- Forearm bone
- A crane
- Caricatured
- Famous surgeon
- Former name for Tokyo
- Tell on
- Valuable mineral

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